

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as follows:

SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL MEMBER HAVING HARD COATING LAYER
EXHIBITING ~~EXCELLENT ABRASION~~ SUPERIOR WEAR RESISTANCE DURING HIGH
SPEED IN-HIGH-SPEED CUTTING[[,]] OPERATION AND METHOD FOR FORMING SAID
HARD COATING LAYER ON SURFACE OF CUTTING TOOL

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

Cross-Reference to Prior Application

This is a U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/00220 filed January 14, 2003, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-11478 filed January 21, 2002; 2002-49893 filed February 26, 2002 and 2002-60208 filed March 6, 2002 which are incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on July 31, 2003 as WO 03/061884 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).